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In re application of

Kanji HATA et al.

Serial No. 09/010,490 ✓

Filed January 21, 1998

COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS AND
METHOD, AND COMPONENT MOUNTING EQUIPMENT

Confirmation No. 8750

Docket No. 00174527445

Group Art Unit 3729

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and reconsider the merits of the present application. A petition and fee for a third month extension of time is submitted herewith in order to permit the filing of the present request for continued examination (RCE). Attention is directed to the fact that the fee for the first and second months extension (\$400.00) was paid on February 22, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

8.(Five Times Amended) A component mounting apparatus comprising:

a pair of component supply tables for accommodating a plurality of components, said component supply tables being arranged on opposite sides of a board

mounting position;

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ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. Additional fees required as a result of this Amendment are calculated as follows:

	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY
Total Claims exceeding 20 (not already paid for): 4 x	(\$ 9 = \$)	or (\$18 = \$72.00)
Indep. Claims exceeding 3 (not already paid for): x	(\$42 = \$)	or (\$84 = \$)
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dep. Claim(s) (if there previously were none): +	(\$140 = \$)	or (\$280 = \$)
Total Additional Fee =	<u> \$ </u>	<u> \$72.00 </u>

Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 which

is enclosed or

has been previously submitted.

A check in the amount of \$72.00 is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-0975 the amount of \$ to cover additional fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account. The original and two copies of this document are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kanji HATA et al.

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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First Named Inventor	Kanji HATA et al.
Group Art Unit	3729
Examiner Name	S. Smith
Attorney Docket Number	00177/527415 #31/RCE
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. Previously submitted:
 - i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
 - ii. Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other
 - b. Enclosed:
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required).
 - b. Other
3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. .
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
 - iii. Other
 - b. Check in the amount of \$1,332.00 enclosed

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